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SUBJECT: GRUNK "FOREIGN MINISTER" VISITS TOGO

1. TOGO-PRESSE THIS MORNING CARRIES NEWS OF APRIL 17 VISIT TO TOGO BY GRUNK "FONMIN" SARIN CHHAK BEARING MESSAGE FROM PRINCE SIHANOUK TO PRESIDENT EYADEMA. EDITORIAL COMMENT DESCRIBES AS "HISTORICAL COINCIDENCE" CHHAK'S ENTRY INTO EYADEMA'S OFFICE AT EXACT MOMENT WHEN PHNOM PENH, AFTER FIVE YEARS OF HARD FIGHTING AGAINST "INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM," WAS TAKEN BY SIHANOUK'S FORCES. EDITORIAL NOTES THAT GRUNK VICTORY AGAIN DEMONSTRATES EYADEMA'S SENSE OF JUSTICE AND HIS POLITICAL COURAGE IN BEING AMONG FIRST TO RECOGNIZE SIHANOUK'S "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE."

2. CHHAK HIMSELF TOLD PRESS THAT, ALTHOUGH HIS VISIT TO LOME COINCIDED BY CHANCE WITH SIHANOUK'S VICTORY, THIS COINCIDENCE NEVERTHELESS IS "PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT."

3. IN HIS PRESS INTERVIEW, CHHAK WAS ASKED WHAT FATE AWAITED SOLDIERS OF GOVERNMENT FORCES. HE REPLIED THAT NATIONAL CONGRESS HELD IN LIBERATED ZONE FEBRUARY 24-25 HAD DECIDED THAT, APART FROM SEVEN PRINCIPAL TRAITORS WHO WOULD RECEIVE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVED, ALL "MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COLLABORATORS

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WOULD BE ACCORDED GENERAL PARDON." CHHAK SAID LATTER HAD OPPOR-

TUNITY TO REINTEGRATE THEMSELVES WITH NATIONAL COMMUNITY AND
TO WORK WITH VICTORS FOR CAMBODIA'S RECONSTRUCTION.

4. TOGO-PRESSE STATES CHHAK WAS ACCOMPANIED HERE BY CHAN YOURAN,
MEMBER OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF UNITED NATIONAL FRONT OF
CAMBODIA. RAWLS

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